

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT IN 2004!

--- **HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MCC** ---



Field Team Program

Members learn outdoor living and work skills while doing trail maintenance, wildlife habitat, erosion control and construction projects all over Maine.



Environmental Education & Volunteer Leadership

Members serve at nonprofit organizations and natural resource agencies to educate the public about environmental and conservation issues.



NEW in 2005 Wildfire Safety

Members serve with the Maine Forest Service to educate Maine citizens about steps they can take to reduce wildfire risk in Maine communities.

MCC's Mission

The MCC's mission is to:

- ◆ Accomplish natural resource related projects, with long term public benefit, in partnership with public and private nonprofit organizations;
- ◆ Provide job training, education and service opportunities;
- ◆ Provide conservation education;
- ◆ Promote volunteer opportunities related to natural resources.

Recruiting and training volunteers is an important part of our mission. Some join our Field Teams on the trail to help clear new trails and build water bars, bog bridges, and stone steps. Others assist Environmental Educators with testing the quality of water in Maine's lakes and streams, or identifying sources of pollution and erosion. In 2004, at least **608 volunteers joined our members to serve 2590 hours over 748 volunteer days -- and 373 of those volunteers were youth!** Thanks to everyone who helped all of our AmeriCorps members achieve great things and accomplish so much!

Field Team Accomplishments

Nine MCC Field Team leaders and 44 Field Team members served on natural resource projects at Grafton Notch, Camden Hills State Park, Acadia National Park, Saddleback Mountain, Vaughn Woods State Park, on the Appalachian Trail, at Presumpscot Falls in Portland, and in Freeport. MCC teams completed work on 19 miles of trail including 614 stone steps, 224 bog bridges, 928 feet of causeway, 20 footbridges, 117 waterbars, and over 200 other structures.

For more information about Field Teams and how to host a team at your site, contact Lester Kenway at 287-3310 or lester.kenway@maine.gov.

SERVE/Maine Environmental Educators and Volunteer Leaders

In 2004 the 11 MCC SMEEVLs accomplished great things, including 4 watershed surveys, performing 241 water quality tests in 54 water bodies, and doing 326 outreach presentations on conservation and environmental education topics to 7,293 students, teachers & community members. For more information about SMEEVLs and the Wildfire Safety program, contact Susan Kring at 287-4398 or susan.kring@maine.gov.



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